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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-14, amend claims 15-30 and add claims 31-41 as indicated among the following complete set of pending claims:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled)

Claim 15. (Currently amended) A motor vehicle comprising:

a vehicle body extending longitudinally in a fore and aft direction;
structure forming at least one body receiver in the body and extending longitudinally in a horizontal and a transverse direction[[other than a generally vertical]] relative to the fore and aft direction, wherein the body receiver opens out through a side wall of the vehicle body;
at least one accessory selectively received in the at least one receiver.

Claim 16. (Original) The motor vehicle of claim 15, wherein the accessory comprises one or more of: a ladder rack, an electrician's reel, a barbecue accessory, a tool supporting table, a winch, a hunting accessory, a fishing accessory, a bike rack, a ski rack, a ramp, a width extension, and a length extension.

Claim 17. (Original) The motor vehicle of claim 15, wherein:

the structure forming at least one body receiver comprises a socket formed by an opening disposed in the body;
the accessory includes an insert connected to the accessory and selectively located in the socket in a deployed state supporting the accessory on the body.

Claim 18. (Original) The motor vehicle of claim 17, wherein:

the structure provides the socket as a lengthwise horizontal socket; and
the insert comprises a shaft having a longitudinal axis disposed horizontally when the insert is in the deployed state.

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Claim 19. (Original) The motor vehicle of claim 18, wherein:

the body receiver is a first body receiver;
the motor vehicle further comprising a plurality of body receivers including said first body receiver.

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle of claim 19, wherein:

the plurality of body receivers comprises at least one lengthwise vertical socket; and
the insert is selectively received in the lengthwise vertical socket with the longitudinal axis of the insert disposed vertically[[when the insert is in the deployed state]].

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle of claim 20, wherein the plurality of body receivers comprises a plurality of lengthwise horizontal sockets including the lengthwise horizontal socket.

Claim 22. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle of claim 15, wherein:

the accessory comprises a combination width extension and side wall for a bed of a truck; and
the accessory is configured to be supported horizontally and to increase a width of the bed of the truck in one deployed position and to be supported vertically and to provide the side wall for the bed of the truck in another deployed position.

Claim 23. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle of claim[[23]]22, wherein the combination width extension and side wall forms a widened flatbed for the truck when supported in the socket.

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Claim 24. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle of claim 15, wherein:

the accessory comprises a combination length extension and end wall for a bed of a truck; and

the accessory is configured to be supported horizontally and to extend a length of the bed of the truck in one deployed position and to be supported vertically and to provide the end wall for the bed of the truck in another deployed position.

Claim 25. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle of claim[[25]] 24, wherein the combination length extension and end wall forms a lengthened bed for the truck when supported in the socket.

Claim 26. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle of claim[[17]] 19, wherein the plurality of body receivers is formed integrally with the body of the vehicle.

Claim 27. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle of claim[[17]] 19, wherein the plurality of body receivers is added to the body of the vehicle.

Claim 28. (Original) The motor vehicle of claim 15, wherein the vehicle includes a plurality of accessories including the at least one accessory.

Claim 29. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle of claim[[15]] 17, wherein:

the structure provides the socket as a lengthwise socket that is oriented at an angle other than horizontal; and

the insert comprises a shaft having a longitudinal axis disposed at an angle other than horizontal when the insert is in the deployed state.

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Claim 30. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle of claim[[15]] 17, further comprising:

a hole in a wall of the socket;

a hole in the insert; and

a pin engaged through the hole in the wall of the socket and through the hole in the insert to hold the insert in the socket against inadvertent separation therefrom.

Claim 31. (New) A motor vehicle comprising:

a vehicle body including an assembly of structural frame members extending at least in a fore and aft direction relative to the vehicle body and in a transverse direction relative to the vehicle body;

the assembly of structural frame members having structure forming a plurality of body receivers in the vehicle body; wherein:

the body receivers extending longitudinally in generally horizontal directions transverse to the fore and aft direction;

the body receivers are formed in the structural frame members of the vehicle body;
and

the body receivers are not added onto of the vehicle body.

Claim 32. (New) The motor vehicle of claim 31, further comprising three or more body receivers in the body including the plurality of body receivers.

Claim 33. (New) The motor vehicle of claim 31, wherein:

the vehicle body is a truck body including a truck bed; and

the body receivers are located generally at or above a height of the truck bed.

Claim 34. (New) The motor vehicle of claim 31, wherein the plurality of body receivers comprises at least six body receivers extending at least partially through the vehicle body and opening outwardly through a side wall of the vehicle body.

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Claim 35. (New) The motor vehicle of claim 31, at least one accessory selectively received in at least one of the body receivers.

Claim 36. (New) A motor vehicle comprising:

a vehicle body including a framework of structural tubular members, the structural tubular members extending longitudinally in a fore and aft direction and in at least one direction transverse to the fore and aft direction forming an assembly of the structural tubular members;

the structural tubular members having structure forming at least one body receiver in the vehicle body and extending longitudinally in a direction other than a generally vertical direction, wherein the body receiver extends in the transverse direction and opens out of a side wall of the vehicle body.

Claim 37. (New) The motor vehicle of claim 36, wherein:

the motor vehicle is a utility truck having a truck bed and the side wall is a side wall on the truck bed; and

the framework of structural tubular members extends in the fore and aft direction a substantial portion of a length of the truck bed.

Claim 38. (New) The motor vehicle of claim 37, wherein the framework of structural members comprises longitudinally vertical structural tubular members and longitudinally horizontal structural tubular members.

Claim 39. (New) The motor vehicle of claim 36, further comprising:

a plurality of body receivers including the at least one body receiver; and
the plurality of body receivers opens out of the side wall of the vehicle body.

Claim 40. (New) The motor vehicle of claim 36, wherein the at least one body receiver forms a non-rotational bearing.

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Claim 41. (New) The motor vehicle of claim 40; further comprising at least one accessory selectively received in the non-rotational bearing of the at least one receiver.

Claim 42. (New) The motor vehicle of claim 36, wherein the at least one body receiver is not located in a bumper of the vehicle.

Claim 43. (New) The motor vehicle of claim 36, further comprising at least one accessory selectively received in the at least one body receiver.
